

PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WILTZ JAMES W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.  
 [PDCO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**PATTERSON COMPANIES,  
 INC., 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS  
 ROAD**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/20/2010**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
**ST. PAUL, MN 55120**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/20/2010		J <sup>(1)</sup>	27,540 D \$ 0	99,442	D	
Common Stock					405,836	I <sup>(2)</sup>	Revocable Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					9,550	I <sup>(3)</sup>	Family Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock					99,166	I <sup>(4)</sup>	GRAT <sup>(4)</sup>

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Forward Sale Contract (Obligation to Sell)	(5)					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	200,000
Employee Stock Options	(6)	05/20/2010		J(9)	46,040	(7)	(8)	Common Stock	46,040

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILTZ JAMES W PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS ROAD ST. PAUL, MN 55120	X			

## Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney  
Date: 05/21/2010

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Due to retirement, Reporting Person has forfeited Stock Awards granted to him when Reporting Person was an Officer of the Company that have not vested. Reporting Person remains a Director of the Company.

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- (2) Revocable Trust of which the Reporting Person is the Settlor and Trustee.
- (3) In Trust for members of Reporting Person's Family.
- (4) Held by Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.

The Reporting Person (RP) entered into a prepaid forward sale contract with an unaffiliated third party buyer. The RP agreed to deliver to the buyer up to 200,000 shares on 12/29/2011, the maturity date of the contract. The RP received \$4,408,248 as of the date of contract.

- The RP pledged 200,000 shares (Pledged Shares) to secure his obligations under the contract. The number of shares to be delivered to the
- (5) buyer on the maturity date is as follows: (a) if the value per share on the maturity date (Maturity Price) is less than \$24.92, the RP will deliver all the Pledged Shares; (b) if the Maturity Price is between \$24.92 and \$34.61, the RP will deliver shares equal to \$24.92 divided by the Maturity Price times the number of Pledged Shares; and (c) if the Maturity Price is greater than \$34.61, the RP will deliver shares equal to the Pledged Shares times the ratio of \$24.92 plus Maturity Price less \$34.61 divided by Maturity Price, or the cash equivalent.
  - (6) Employee Stock Options granted as follows: 101,428 on 4/28/2003 at \$19.97.
  - (7) Options exercisable as follows: 20,285 on April 28 for each year 2006-2010.
  - (8) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.
  - (9) Due to retirement, Reporting Person has forfeited Stock Options granted to him when Reporting Person was an Officer of the Company that have not vested. Reporting Person remains a Director of the Company.

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